

Town of Sheffield Historical Commission Meeting of October 14, 2014

Present: Dennis Sears, Chair; Michael King, Catherine Miller, Kathy Orlando, Gay Tucker, Jeffrey Waingrow

Absent: Patricia Elsbach

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of September 2, 2014 were accepted as presented with a correction of the time of adjournment to 6:30 pm. (5-0-0)

Form B Progress Report: Gay Tucker reported on the work that she and Beth Anstett have done on the Form B project the past five (5) weeks. Gay provided a detailed chart and noted that the Massachusetts Historical Commission is interested in the MACRIS numbers, the Assessors' numbers and the street name and building number being accurate. Address changes due to 911 and other issues have made approximately one third of the properties investigated to date in need of updating. It was agreed that Commission members would help with the project, particularly with trying to locate/identify properties.

Sheffield Plain & Town Center:	Catherine Miller
Boardman Street & Kellogg	Dennis Sears
Northwest Quadrant	Kathy Orlando
Western Section	Michael King & Jeffrey Waingrow
Ashley Falls	Dennis will talk with Ashley Falls Historic District Commission

Tony Carlotto at the Snap Shop has provided a camera so during the month of November every effort will be made to photograph those properties identified as historic.

The Commission will host an Open House at the library from 4:00-7:00 pm on December 5. This will be an opportunity for the public to learn about the project and perhaps engage some of those in attendance in future work.

Gay will draft a press release for the "Berkshire Record" to appear the week before the Open House.

There was discussion as to how the Commission might approach owners of buildings that are deteriorating due to neglect. This was tabled for a future meeting.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 4 at 5:30 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Catherine B. Miller, Clerk